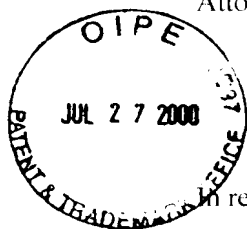


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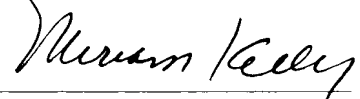
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith references which they believe may be material to the patentability of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

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The references are listed in Form PTO-1449 which is in accordance with the requirements of M.P.E.P. 609. A copy of the references is also enclosed.

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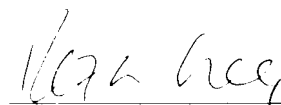
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It is respectfully requested that these references be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of the above-identified application and be made of record therein. The Examiner is also invited to contact the Undersigned if there are any questions concerning this paper or the attached references.

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